## Summer Reading for the Cinephile

Summer may be synonymous with beach reads, but it is also prime time for movies—everything from small independent romances to big, loud, popcorn blockbusters. Here are some fun books that inspired the summer films of this year. So now the hard question...which was better? The book or the movie? Have fun finding out!

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter by Seth Graeme Smith

Movie Release Date: June 22, 2012 Directed by: Timur Bekmambetov

The novel tells the "untold story" of 16<sup>th</sup> President Abraham Lincoln, before he became a politician. After seeing his mother murdered by a shadowy creature, young Abe becomes a force for good.

**Savages** by Don Winslow

Movie Release Date: July 6, 2012

Directed by: Oliver Stone

This violent tale focuses on two dealers as they race to rescue their girlfriend from a dangerous cartel.

The Bourne Legacy by Eric van Lustbader

Movie Release Date: August 3, 2012

Directed by: Tony Gilroy

This film picks up the Bourne franchise with a new star, Jeremy Renner. Renner takes over for Matt Damon in another fast paced story of adventure and amnesia.

Total Recall, based on the short story "We Can Remember it for You Wholesale" by Philip K. Dick

Movie Release Date: August 3, 2012

Directed by: Len Wiseman

A remake of the Arnold Schwarzenegger cult classic, this time Colin Farrell picks up the mantel as a man who isn't sure if his memories are really his.

<u>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</u> by Jeff Kinney

Movie Release Date: August 3, 2012

Directed by: David Bowers

Another entry in the ever popular series for kids.

Lawless, based on The Wettest County in the World by Matt Bondurant

Movie Release Date: August 29, 2012

Directed by: John Hillcoat

Based on a true story of depression era bootleggers in Virginia and the lawmen who want a share of the

profit.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel by Deborah Moggach

Movie Release Date: May 25, 2012

Directed by: John Madden

British retirees take a trip to India and discover quirky inhabitants and adventures in a strange hotel.

What to Expect When You're Expecting by Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel

Movie Release Date: May 18, 2012

Directed by: Kirk Jones

The classic guide for parents-to-be is turned into a romantic comedy about the challenges of becoming parents.

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